

***Remarks***

The following Election without Traverse is made in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005 containing a restriction requirement pertaining to the above-identified patent application. The Examiner has set a shortened statutory period for response to this action to expire one month from the mailing date of the communication, so that this election is due July 16, 2005. Filed concurrently herewith is a request for a one (1) month extension of time so that the present Amendment is due by August 16, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner takes the position that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to an article, classified in class 428, subclass 195.1.
- II. Claims 10-21, drawn to a method of making a tire cover, classified in class 156, subclass 60.
- III. Claims 22-42, drawn to a transfer film, classified in class 428, subclass 32.6.

The Examiner required Applicants to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 121. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 10-21. Accordingly, Applicants withdraw claims 1-9 and claims 22-42 subject to the right to file one or more divisional applications thereon.

No additional claims fees are believed to be payable upon the Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fees, or to credit any overpayment, to deposit account number 13-1940.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is courteously solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved prior to the granting of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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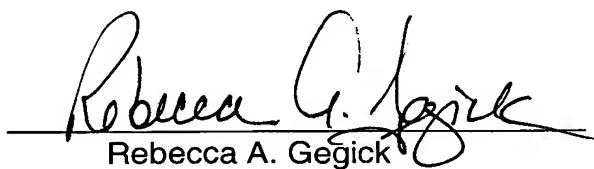


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